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Prior Application Art Unit: 1636 Prior Application Examiner: J. Ketter

SIR: This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/052,241, filed January 15, 2002, of Alan L. GREENER and Bruce D. JERPSETH, for IMPROVED METHOD FOR MORE EFFICIENT ELECTROPORTATION.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/253,703, as originally filed on February 22, 1999, including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☐ Cancel Claims ____.
5. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$750	\$750.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	38	-	20	18	x \$18	\$324.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x \$84	\$0.00
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Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- \$0.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$0.00

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7. ☒ Please do **not** charge the filing fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
8. ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
9. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (other than the filing fee) which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
10. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 --This application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/052,241, filed January 15, 2002, which is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/531,253, filed March 17, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/253,703, filed February 22, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/103,612, filed October 9, 1998. U.S. Application Serial No. 09/253,703 is being relied upon and is incorporated herein by reference.--
11. ☒ Since applicants intend the present continuation application to have the same disclosure as parent application Serial No. 09/253,703, that application has been incorporated by reference into this application in an abundance of caution in the event that any of the disclosure of Serial No. 09/253,703 is inadvertently omitted in this submission. That incorporation by reference should not necessitate a new oath or declaration, since the declaration (a copy of which is enclosed) already was executed for the disclosure of Serial No. 09/253,703.
12. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
13. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to: Stratagene, 11011 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037.
14. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
15. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status
☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
16. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Heffer, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg.

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17. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
18. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the Revocation of Original Power of Attorney And Grant of New Power of Attorney and 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement in the prior application Serial No. ____ is enclosed.

19. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852.**
20. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney _____
21. ☐ Also enclosed is _____

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 10/052,241, filed January 15, 2002, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Dated: June 30, 2003

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